

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Patent Claims

In the patent claims, please amend claims 2-3 as follows:

2. (Amended) The container for storing [Christmas] ornaments as claimed in claim 1, wherein said support means is at least one hook.
3. (Amended) The container for storing [Christmas] ornaments as claimed in claim 1, wherein said bottom portion also has a plurality of upstanding projections extending therefrom for attaching looped ornament hangers.

New Claims

In the new claims, please cancel claims 9 and 28. Also, please amend new claims 4, 10 and 20 as follows:

4. (Twice Amended) An ornament holder, comprising:  
  
a container having an opening and inside walls;  
  
a closure releasably openable relative to the container, the closure adapted to  
enclose the opening;  
  
a hanger support disposed inside the container; and  
  
a hanger removably mountable relative to the hanger support to provide an  
open region between the hanger and at least one of the inside walls of  
the container,  
  
the hanger being configured to be mountable onto and removable from the

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